



**EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2136**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

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| <b>Application No.:</b> | <b>10/049,632</b>                | <b>Examiner:</b>     | <b>B. S. Hoffman</b> |
| <b>Filing Date:</b>     | <b>June 13, 2002</b>             | <b>Art Unit:</b>     | <b>2136</b>          |
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| <b>For:</b>             | <b>METHOD OF DATA PROTECTION</b> |                      |                      |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed April 11, 2006 in the above application. This response is timely in view of a Petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that the rejected claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.116).